



HOPE FOR TANZANIA

TRUSTEES REPORT

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Registered Charity No: 1124470

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Hope for Tanzania Trustees Annual Report 2014

Governing Document

Hope for Tanzania is governed by its Trust Deed dated 3 March 2008. It is registered with the Charity Commission, registration number 1124470.

Objectives

The objects of Hope for Tanzania, as set out in the Trust Deed, are to advance education in accordance with Christian principles and to relieve poverty in particular, but not exclusively, by improving employment prospects of individuals and communities by such means as the trustees may consider appropriate including by means of establishing and operating any educational or training establishment or establishments and by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including support for small businesses in such parts of Tanzania.

Hope for Tanzania works in the following areas:

- assisting Tuishime Pre and Primary School to educate its pupils and develop its school buildings and facilities.
- supporting community projects to improve education, generate income and improve employment prospects.
- supporting individuals in Tanzania to improve their education and/or promote the Christian faith.
- providing short term opportunities for people from the UK to visit Tanzania to work in projects.
- encouraging people from the UK into long term work in Africa where the work is predominantly Christian based.

How we work

We work with trustworthy individuals in Tanzania to ensure that funds are spent on designated projects and no issues arise around corrupt practices. At present we have mainly focussed our support on Tuishime School as we firmly believe that long term assistance to it is critical to achieve the changes that we want to see. However, we have assisted in other projects such as sponsorship of non-Tuishime School pupils and support of people to promote the Christian faith. We are likely to increasingly work in these areas over the next few years whilst maintaining a strong interest in the school.

The projects that have been supported in 2014 were solely for the benefit of people living in Tanzania - students, children, families. Our programmes are run for the benefit of people irrespective of their religion, gender or age.

The support we give is of limited duration and we take great care that people do not develop long term dependency on aid. The child sponsorship

scheme, in particular, means that families have the opportunity to send their children to primary school. In some instances, such as extreme financial hardship or exceptional academic ability, we will continue to provide support for a child through their secondary education. Hope for Tanzania funding levels are rather modest, so they will have no effect in distorting the local economy.

What we did - Activities, Achievements

In setting its objectives for the year and allocating funds to projects, the trustees have complied with their duty of care in regard to the public benefit guidance as published in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 by the Charity Commission. The trustees always ensure that its programmes are in line with the charitable aims and objectives of Hope for Tanzania.

During 2014, Hope for Tanzania has carried out its activities in Tanzania for the public benefit as follows:

Education at Tuishime School

The school now has 375 pupils, which is a similar number to that in 2013 and is the maximum that the current buildings can accommodate. However, for the school to become self-financing, a further increase in pupils will be required once additional classrooms have been constructed. Children are content, teachers and support staff are motivated, the school has a good reputation with education authorities, there is high demand from parents for places and the school is financially robust. Building work has been completed on an additional pre-primary classroom and a new block, which will provide a staff room and separate offices, is almost finished. However, in the short term the staff room will be used as an additional classroom.

Class 7 national examination results were good and for the fifth successive year; all children passed and will progress to secondary schools. We will continue to work with the school to improve teaching standards and encourage greater use of resources to liven up lessons and stimulate the pupils' curiosity. Fresh, clean water is now flowing freely in the school due to the successful drilling of a water borehole and the installation of storage tanks, funded by us. The problems of cooking and providing water for pupils and teachers have now disappeared.

Finances are more robust and the school is self-supporting for day-to-day costs apart from payments made by child sponsors. However, the school will still require assistance from us for large capital items although the buildings constructed this year have been funded with loans taken from banks.

Support and Education of Individuals

The child sponsorship scheme continues to make a significant contribution to the lives of individual children at the school and helps their families by reducing the economic burden. The number of sponsored children remains unchanged at 24. There are 18 sponsors.

We currently have four secondary and further education students to whom we offer financial help.

- TG is in his fourth year at Arusha Secondary School and continues to do well and achieve a high position in his year group. He is turning into a thoughtful young man who wants to continue to university to train as an engineer. We will continue to sponsor him throughout his secondary education since he is exceptionally bright and comes from an extremely poor family.
- ET is awaiting his form 4 exam results which will determine whether he can progress to A'levels and if so which subjects he will study.
- MP will complete his first year of a B.Ed in June 2015 provided he passes two exams that he needs to re-take. He has a busy life with responsibilities at home, his day job as a ward educational officer as well as his studies. We expect that he will progress to a higher position when he passes his degree.
- SC is a student studying for a diploma in accountancy who is now in her second year. She comes from a very difficult family background and been severely discriminated against due to her Christian faith. Despite this she is a lovely girl and we have the expectation that after completing her studies she will be able to become financially independent.

Support to a wide range of Tanzanians has included letters, emails, phone calls, text messages and prayer which all play an important part in encouraging the many people in Tanzania with whom we have contact.

Church

Grace Mbise is an evangelist with extraordinary stories of miracles she has experienced during her work in Africa about which she has written a short book. We have paid for the initial printing costs of the books which will be available for distribution in mid 2015.

Water Research

Pastor Deo from Mwanza has assisted us in two water research projects, one of which was conducted on behalf of an engineering student at the University of Nottingham. He investigated the ways that people in the Singida region collect and carry water by interviewing people and videoing their customs, which knowledge should help the student to design a more user friendly device which may aid the water collection process.

Computers

The computers that we donated in 2012 have now been fully repaired and hardware that was damaged during transit has been replaced thanks to a generous gift by Computers for Africa. The computers continue to be heavily used and are valued highly by four schools in Arusha.

Visit 2014

In the summer two of our trustees visited the school. Some positive changes were noted:

- An increased number and use of resources in the infant classes which were being used to good effect. Some infant children were able to respond to questions despite her unfamiliar accent.
- Some children were able to ask open questions and probe by asking additional questions to obtain a deeper understanding.
- A greater emphasis on group work with some classes having tables facing each other to encourage children to discuss topics and work collaboratively.
- Greater evidence of children reading books from the library.
- Increased commitment from teachers who were motivated, open and ready to talk about life in the school and were keen to practise their English.

Other

We financially assisted Augustino Godfrey in 2012 when he was accused of malpractice in his workplace. He has now been fully re-instated in his previous role as education officer after all criminal charges against him were dropped. He will receive all his back-pay and has committed to paying back the money paid by us for his bail which we will donate to Tuishime School. He is a changed man as a result of this difficult situation and we believe that he will be a positive influence in the education authority during the next few years.

Trustees

Our trustees were unpaid in connection with their service to the charity during 2014. Dr P. Harris joined the trustees in January 2014.

Dr Martin P. Grosvenor
Chair of Trustees